(*d*) The initial expenditure on the investment is the amount of the investment, *viz.*, B. Rs. 45,000. These are the only debentures issued by the Company and their market value cannot be ascertained unless they are offered for sale.

(*e*) The agreement with the Company is that the scheme will be a public concern, that they were to issue debentures to the extent of B. Rs. 45 000, that the whole of it is to be taken up by the Travancore Government, that the security is to consist of the whole concern and all its property and assets, present and future, including its uncalled capital, and that the amount will bear interest at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent payable half yearly.

The amount is repayable in 1934 according to the terms of the Trust deed entered into between the Government and the Company.

(*f*) As the amount involved is comparatively small and as it is repayable in 1934, Government do not propose to dispose of the debentures in question.

Promotions and Transfers in the Judicial Department.

97. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain whether new men from outside the public service have been appointed as *amins* on Rs. 18 or more by any of the judicial officers of the State when copyists in the department on Rs. 15, with equal or superior qualifications for such appointments, were available or were applicants ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to do the needful for giving legitimate promotions and, whenever possible, transfer to their native places or to their neighbourhood the peons, copyists and other employees on small pay in the Judicial Department ?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No such case has been brought to notice. The High Court will be requested to enquire.

(*b*) The High Court are taking the necessary action, as occasions arise, consistently with the interests of the service.

Toddy and Arrack Shops on the Sea-coast.

98. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that the presence of arrack and toddy shops in the midst of crowded sea-coast villages is a source of demoralisation and disturbance of the peace ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) : Government are not aware of the existence of any arrack or toddy shop in the midst of crowded sea-coast villages or of any shop being a source of demoralisation or disturbance to public peace.

Malayala Velans.

99. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware of the existence of a separate sect in the State known as Malayala Velans ?

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(*b*) If so, what is their number?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any measure has been taken to encourage and improve the art of pottery?

(*d*) Have any Malayala Velans been employed in Government service?

(*e*) If so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of those employed and the appointments they hold?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. There is a sect called Velans according to the Census of 1921.

(*b*) The number of Velans is 8,857 including Kusavas.

(*c*) Yes. The School of Arts has a Pottery section in which artistic designs are manufactured by improved methods and apprentices are trained in these methods.

(*d*) and (*e*) Government will call for the information required.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): With regard to answer to (*e*), are the Government aware of the decision of our Honourable High Court reported, if I remember well, in 18 T. L. R. regarding the Malayala Velans?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No; Government are not aware of the fact.

Eligibility of Headmistress of Vernacular Primary Aided School, Chenkal, to teach Class IV.

100. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the departmental correspondence carried on by the Manager of the Chenkal Vernacular Primary Aided School and his appeal to the Government regarding the order of the Assistant Inspectress, District II, that the Headmistress of the school is not qualified to teach Class IV?

(*b*) Have the Government passed any final orders on the Manager's appeal?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under correspondence between the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools and final orders have not been passed.

Transfer of a Medical Officer from the District Hospital, Chirayinkil.

101. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state on what inquiry one of the doctors in the Chirayinkil Hospital was transferred immediately after my reference to the quarrel between the two doctors at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 12th August, 1925?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Assistant in the District Hospital, Chirayinkil, was transferred on 13-8-1925, not because of the representation made by the member in the last meeting of the Legislative Council, but as a result of the enquiry following reports against the Assistant by the Medical Officer in charge, and deputations from the public of Chirayinkil.

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